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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KOJI FUKUNAGA ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/025,133)
Filed: February 17, 1998)
For: DATA TRANSMISSION)
APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND)
METHOD, AND IMAGE)
PROCESSING APPARATUS :
Examiner: A.I. Elamin
Group Art Unit: 2182
August 22, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance issued for this application on July 2, 2002. The issue fee has not yet been paid.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts. In the case of Japanese Utility Model Laid-Open No. 62-129654, an English translation of the entire document is provided.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. A copy of

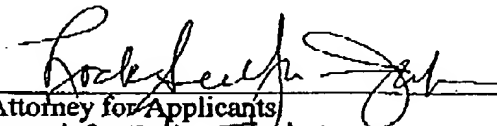
the communication is enclosed. No English translation of the communication is presently available.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2). Any deficiency or overpayment of the fee may be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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